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NOTIFICATION OF IMPENDING ARRIVAL IN SYDNEY OF "PALM".

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To EFIM.

At the beginning of October of this year there will arrive in SYDNEY the French Consul-General and Trade Adviser EL'YashEV Boris L'vovich (in future "PALM" [PALM]), born 1892, Russian, [D% in 1917 France] [1 group unrecovered] [D% .] From [1 group unrecovered] [he] he worked in [D% a section] of a French Ministry; in 1940, being in Columbia [i], he represented DE GAULLE's movement there; in 1942 he was appointed a member of the Free French Mission in the U.S.A. and was posted to SAN FRANCISCO, [D% where] [2 groups unrecovered] Consul-General right up to January 1944, when he was recalled to ALGIERS to take up a new appointment. He was recruited for our work at the end of 1943. "PALM" [B% is not]

[10 groups unrecovered]

. Forbid him to establish with our diplomatic workers closer [B% connections] than is customary in the diplomatic world. To put the matter in such a way [D% that] [2 groups unrecovered] [he] to [PARIS] through him [7 groups unrecoverable] institutions one ought not [he]. According to "PALM's"

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words, the French Intelligence Service ~~had~~ suggested to him that he should co-operate in the collection of intelligence information, to which he, on the basis of the alleged expediency of such a step for our work, gave his consent.

We are informing you of these facts in order to determine the line of conduct and work with "PALM" in future.

Conditions of meeting: a week after his arrival in SYDNEY "PALM" will go out systematically every Monday and Wednesday at 11 o'clock in the morning to a meeting at the "Arthur Philip [ARTUR FILIPP]" Memorial, around which he will stroll for ten minutes. In his hands he will hold a pale blue Russian book - "Diplomatic [B& Commentaries]", author Filipp KUDZIROV. The password for you will be the following phrase spoken in Russian: "Excuse me, I think you lived in Malyj Zlatoustinskij Pereulok?" "PALM" will reply to this: "Quite right, evidently you know Aleksandr Aleksandrovich." After this you can go on to the actual conversation.

Telegraph after contact with "PALM" has been established.

No. 3959 VICTOR  
29th August.

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T.N.: [a] Possibly 1931-08-29.

[b] Possibly "all the information".

[c] Or "in".

[d] Assuming this to be all one sentence, the expression "one ought not" should probably be placed at the beginning - i.e. before "To put the matter....".

Comments: [i] As given. Apparently "Columbia" is meant.

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